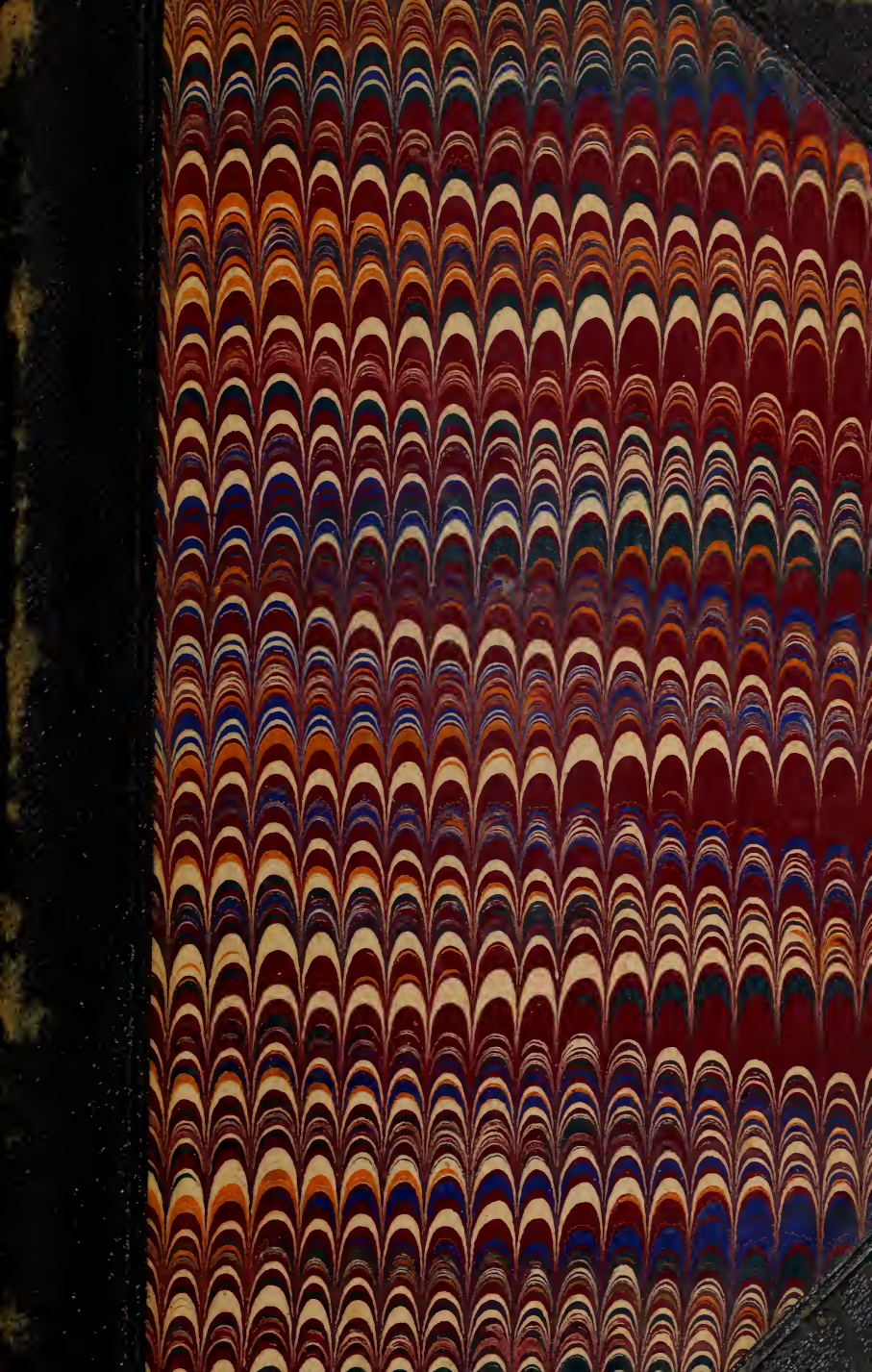

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In the present number we would call especial attention to the statements Miss Brittan has given regarding Bible-readers or teachers supported by specific contribution. We have published it, as it covers so fully a subject to which we have given great thought and care. The suggestions in regard to mission boxes, we desire also to bring before all our warm friends, who we are assured would like to do the most good in the best way.

## FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE.

*REPORTS FROM OUR MISSIONARIES.*

### INDIA--Calcutta.

*Extracts from the Letters from* Miss Brittan.

AN OLD ACQUAINTANCE.

Yesterday I went with Mary, one of the native teachers to visit some of her houses. She is a very good teacher, understanding English as well as Bengali thoroughly. In the house I went to, the Babu is a police inspector, and consequently his house is like a European's, and both he and his wife are anxious to do things in European style. The room we taught in, had a

large double bedstead in it with mattress, pillows, and mosquito net. There was one thing which I have never seen in any native house before—a *washstand and set complete;* there were also some long strips of matting on the floor, and a table with a variety of little china ornaments. The Bo seemed delighted to see me, caught hold of my hand and led me into the room, dusted a chair and placed me in it, and then stood in front of me expressing over and over again her satisfaction of seeing me once more. "Seeing me once more," I said, "why where did you ever see me before?" "Don't you know me then," she exclaimed, "don't you remember little Bourbon, I was very, very little when you used to teach me. But you made me love good things. You made me love God's word; it is five years ago, and I was very little, but I remember it all. Then I was married and sent away—but now my husband has moved to Calcutta, and so I have begun to learn again. I love Miss Dorkin who comes to teach me, very much, but I am so glad to see you." This woman must have been a little child when I taught her, for I have not the slightest remembrance of her, but it was very pleasant thus to be remembered by her, and to find, that with her at any rate, our labor had not been completely thrown away. She had imbibed a strong desire for learning and improvement, and a sincere respect for, and wish to learn and know more of the Christian's God. I have strong faith that the seed we are now sowing will spring up and bear fruit to the praise and glory of God. She is studying English, for, as she says, there are so few good books in Bengali.

AN EAGER STUDENT.

The next house I went to was merely a little hut, the room so small, that, as it has a bedstead and a box in it, it could not very well accommodate a chair for me also. So we sat outside in the porch. All of these huts have the roof to overhang so as to form a porch. Here we had quite an audience, but the little court was filled with women and children listening. When I go with the native teachers, I always make them give one lesson at least in each house, that I may judge how they teach. Here Mary gave the Bible lesson. The woman was reading in "Peep of Day" of the Birth of Christ. All her other lessons are in English, but

we think it wiser for them to have the Bible lesson in their own language, as of course they would understand it better. Mary gave her an excellent lesson and afterwards I talked a little more to her about the dear Saviour. She reads in English, writes from dictation and ciphers. She is very poor, as her husband has just lost his situation, and she was afraid she would have to stop learning, for we have made it a rule now, unless they are widows, to make them pay at least a few pice a month, (four pice is of the value of three cents.) She could not even pay that, so she begged Mary a week or two ago to ask me to let her do some fancy work for me, to pay for her teaching. I told her she might, and she is busy working a pair of slippers, and when they are finished I must sell these to the Babus who will pay about twenty-five cents for the work over the cost of material. But still we feel that the women will value the learning more if it costs them something.

THE EDUCATED HUSBANDS.

The Babus of Calcutta have recently been making a great sensation over the return of three young Babus, who have been in England four years, studying. They have just passed their examination and come out as civilians and now they are appointed as magistrates in different districts. The Calcutta Babus are very proud of them. We have been teaching the wives of two of these men, for some years, who are dear good women. They have progressed very nicely, and can read in Bengali perfectly, while they are doing well in English. Now since their husbands have returned, I have been trying to persuade them to come and spend an evening with us before they go to their appointed stations, but as yet I have not succeeded in getting them here. It must seem very different to those men after being accustomed so long to the society of English ladies to come back to this state of things. Sophia teaches in one of these houses, and she told me the other day that the Bo wished to see me. When I went she seemed so happy in her husband's return. She was only about twelve years old when her husband left, and she said he was so delighted with her improvement. Sophia has taken great pains with her, and the two Bos in that house have improved very much. They said they wanted so much to come and spend the

evening with us before they went away, but the old woman in the house would not let them. Their husbands were very anxious to bring them, and I am in hopes that yet before they leave some plan will be devised.

OUR NATIVE TEACHERS.

What are we to do about these special donations for teachers if people are not willing to hear the truth at home and learn of our discouragements as well as our encouragements. When money is sent out for a number of teachers we devote it to the payment of their salary. As I have often said, this is a country of constant changes, so if one teacher dies or goes away, we try to get another in her place, who may leave in a few months. The agents may be constantly changing but that same work is still being carried on, and the money a "band" sends, continues that work though the one who does the labor may be changed. As I have so frequently written these instruments which we are obliged to use in our work are very poor, and that is why we have so earnestly desired an orphanage to train our future laborers. In the meantime our friends must understand that the teachers are poor and inefficient helpers, although the best we can get. Now if the good people at home could but understand, that in paying for one teacher, it is not so much that teacher as the amount of work done, the number of pupils taught for which they send the money, they will not feel so disappointed at these constant changes which it is impossible for us to avoid. Our teachers come every day to the Normal School, and according as they stand in the different classes they are paid.

I must now explain about the Bible-readers who are still unconverted. Each of the ladies here are supposed to superintend fifteen houses or schools, visiting three each day, so that in the week one missionary visits each house or school once, staying about two hours at each. Supposing these women or children had no other instruction in the week but what the lady gave them in that two hours, how soon do you suppose they would learn to read, to write and to work and how much time would they have for religious instruction? Now to prevent any

difficulty, we engage the native teachers who either have a school under their charge, or visit a certain number of zenanas daily. They do what you may call the drudgery of the work, teaching the women to read and to work, or the beginnings of things, and when the missionary visits them she superintends and examines what the teacher has done through the week, and then gives a good Bible lesson. Whether our native teachers are Christians or not, they only teach their pupils to read the Bible, the Catechism and Hymns, but it is very seldom that they will allow them to explain these, for the old women in the house will insult them the moment they begin to speak on the subject of religion and tell them to keep to their books as that is all they have to teach. But when we go, their respect for us induces them to allow us to explain and enforce the lessons that the teachers have previously made them learn. We cannot get nearly as many native Christian teachers for our work as we wish, and there are now as many as a dozen of our old zenana pupils who have not made a profession of Christianity, although they have been taught all its truths by us, and who now have collected in their own houses a number of girls in a school which they teach for us. They teach the children the Bible, the Catechism, the Hymns precisely as the native Christians do, and when we go to these schools we explain and enforce the lessons. Thus we feel as if these poor women who have not yet professedly left the dominion of the Prince of Darkness are really serving and advancing the kingdom of the Redeemer, for are they not teaching these little ones to read that sacred word whose "entrance giveth light?"

To tell the truth we are very proud of these schools and feel that it is a marvellous triumph achieved over the Empire of Darkness, and if the ladies at home could but see it, they would feel that "their money" is the means of having thirty or forty poor little heathen girls learn to read the Bible and to hear of their Saviour, who might otherwise never know of Him. I always feel when I see any of these people who have not professedly abandoned heathenism, teaching the word of God, and the Gospel of Jesus, the force of Jesus words, "If Satan be divided against himself, how can his kingdom stand," and that it must be a sure sign of this when

his own professed followers teach the Word of Life. We have twelve of these schools, and are so proud of them it would rejoice my heart greatly to see them increase and multiply over the length and breadth of the land.

Just think in these colleges of the different Mission Societies, what could they do if they did not employ teachers who were not Christians? In some of these colleges they have from 600 to 1,000 young men, and only two missionaries. They have to employ those who are not Christians to teach the secular knowledge so that their whole time may be given to religious instruction, and so do we. We look upon the fact of the women, most of them widows, who have formerly been so ignorant, degraded and ill-used, being able to support themselves, as a wonderful stride. They are making themselves respected, and instead of spending their whole time in cooking, and in most degrading and idolatrous worship, they devote their time to teaching these little ones to read and study the word of the only living and true God. Every missionary and thinking person in Calcutta looks upon this step as one of the most encouraging in our work, and a sure sign of the great and marvellous progress that is being made.

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## *Extracts of Letters from* Miss M. F. Seelye, M.D.

[Communicated by the Philadelphia Branch.]

### NEW EXPERIENCES.

The first month in my new home has passed full of strange and varied experiences; I have been busy studying the language and becoming acquainted with the manners and customs of the people. The month has not passed entirely devoid of professional duties. My first call was from a young Christian Babu, who wished me to see his wife. He lives in one of the suburbs of Calcutta, a pleasant ride about three miles from here. We started early in the morning, just at daybreak, and as the road lay through the English part of the town, it was a delightful drive. I had not seen so beautiful a part of Calcutta before, and could for the first time appreciate the feeling which had given it the name of the "City of Palaces." Turning from the broad

English road into the narrow native ones, we soon found ourselves in a little Christian settlement, very marked in its contrast with the houses of the generality of the natives. Passing before the gateway of a neat little bungalow, we sent in to see if the Babu was at home; he was not expecting us and had gone out for his morning walk. We entered and made ourselves at home in the little sitting-room, until his return. This it was not difficult to do, as I found on the table the morning paper. A native lady who spoke English, and wore the English dress with a chudda, came in to entertain me with conversation. The Babu coming in, took me to an adjoining room to see his wife whom I found dressed in native fashion, and seated on a bed. She was a very pretty little woman, as I think most of the higher caste of Bengalee women are, when they are young. They present a beauty of feature and gentleness of expression that you cannot apply any term to, short of lovely. The husband here acted as interpreter for us, the patient not being able to speak much more English than I could Bengalee, but I hope in time we can dispense with his services. In another case I was called in consultation by a native physician of fine reputation. The patient was a woman of middle age, on whom he desired to have a surgical operation, and who refused to permit him to do it. She said she would allow a lady physician to attend her and none other, and so he sent for me. If after another visit it seems best to perform the operation, he desires me to do it, and so I have quite a prospect of work already. I think as soon as I understand the language I shall have plenty to do. Every one seems kindly disposed, although of course quite curious as to the result of this new movement. I have been invited to visit the different hospitals in company with the attending surgeons, and we are hoping soon for some money from the government for a dispensary, or at least enough to enable us to keep a small supply of medicines on hand.

SIGNS OF THE TIMES.

Two or three weeks ago a Christian Babu came with a letter of introduction to conduct me to Howrah to see his wife. It was Saturday afternoon, which being a holiday among the gov-

ernment employees and in places of business generally, the road was filled with natives hastening towards the Ghat, where a ferry-boat plies between Calcutta and Howrah. The Bengalees are a fine-looking race of people, and there is as a rule so much more education and refinement expressed in their features, than I expected to find, that I do not cease to regard them with astonishment. Very different is the half-naked Hindoo boatman, who rushes at you with a clamor, to secure if possible your company and your fee for his conveyance. And as you get into his boat and are pushed away from the shore, you wonder how long it will be before these poor degraded people will, through the influence of civilization and Christianity, be brought to a higher development of the faculties, which God has certainly given them. When we reached the other side of the river, we had half an hour's ride in a gharry, before arriving at our destination, which was a collection of bamboo houses, forming almost a little village of themselves, and nearly lost in the thick foliage by which they were surrounded. Following my guide, I soon arrived at his house, which although very simple and unpretending in appearance was made of brick, and bore quite a different aspect from the rest. This Babu's family is the only one in that neighborhood which is Christian. He is the oldest brother and became a Christian first. His brothers have since come out and united with the church, although they were much opposed to his doing so at the time. His wife is the daughter of Christian parents and has herself united with the church. She is a very interesting person, and although she has been suffering from ill-health for some time, she has managed to make herself quite useful. She and her husband have a school for young girls every morning, teaching them to read English and Bengalee, and giving them lessons from the Bible. Their scholars now number *twenty-five.* They told me that the Babus are all wanting their daughters educated—for the first question now is, when wives are negotiated for " *Can she read?*" There are some zenanas in Howrah where they would be very glad to receive instruction and pay for it, if they could get any one to come to them. Indeed the doors are everywhere being thrown open more rapidly, than their wants can be supplied.

## ALLAHABAD.

*Extracts of Letters from* Miss Seward, M.D.

ARRIVAL ON MISSION GROUND.

We arrived at Calcutta the evening of Dec. 2d. Miss Brittan with one of the young ladies met us at the steamer, and on reaching "the Home," we found the whole family assembled in the verandah to welcome us, together with Miss Wilson from Allahabad, who had come down to meet and go up with us. It was very pleasant to feel that our long voyage was over at last, and that though "strangers in a strange land," yet that we were among those with whom we should hereafter be united in sympathy and interest. If those who are casually thrown together in these far-off lands, often form strong friendships, how much stronger must be the ties which bind together those who are laboring in so noble and sacred a service.

Through the kindness of one of the resident physicians, and a lady connected with the "City Missions," I had an opportunity of visiting the principal hospitals in Calcutta, and learning something of the manner of treating diseases peculiar to this climate. We also visited some of the ladies in several zenanas. My first impressions of Allahabad were very pleasant, and I have as yet seen nothing to cause me to change. Our "Home" we think a very pretty one, in a quiet part of the foreign city, and yet central and at a convenient distance from the native city. A bungalow on the premises, which has been appropriated to my especial use, would seem to have been almost planned and built for such a purpose. My own plans are yet too crude for me to say much in regard to them, for there is a great deal to be arranged before I can enter upon what I trust will be a pleasant and profitable part of the work; medical teaching. It must develop gradually, and in the meantime there is more than enough to occupy me in the study of the language, and in efforts to relieve, as far as I can, some of the suffering that one sees on every hand.

The facilities for studying diseases in hospitals and public institutions will be much greater than I had supposed, and there will, I trust, be ample opportunity for observing and improving by the

practice of others, and for counselling in difficult cases. I have been made very happy by the kind welcome we have received as medical missionaries, from those in various stations and positions. I believe it is generally conceded that our coming meets a recognized want in the Mission field here. I had feared at home that we should find there had been exaggerated statements made as to the openings for medical work here, but I am already quite convinced that "the half had not been told." My limited experience fully endorses the statement I have so often heard made, that "missionaries are a happy people." The sacrifices demanded are great and numerous, but so are its joys and privileges. Pray that my imperfect efforts here may aid in leading some poor daughter of India to the knowledge of the Great Physician and loving Saviour, and that I may have grace and strength to labor earnestly for that end.

MEDICAL VISITS.

I have had time and opportunity to look more into matters here, and feel that I can form some slight idea of what it will be if health and strength are spared. I began to study Hindi, but soon became convinced that I needed first Hindostan, for, as my medical work will probably require me also to teach, I am anxious to acquire a correct knowledge of the grammar of the language. Its formation and structure will, I think, be an interesting study, it is built upon so many languages. But at the same time that I am studying the language, I do not want to become rusty in medical knowledge. One cannot refuse aid in the relief of bodily suffering, and when I remember that our work has respect not only to the physical ailments, but to the far more important "sickness of the soul," the responsibility is greatly increased. I wish to keep constantly in mind that my work is introductory and auxiliary to that of teaching; for this reason I have felt that, though for the present I would not seek work, yet when it came I must take it up.

My "first patient" was our night watchman, whose trouble was a swelling in the left eye, from which he had been suffering for some time. It was rather obstinate, but is quite well

now. He still, however, seems to consider it his duty to report to me every morning, and inform me that it is "tik" right. Soon after I reached here, one of the pundits, who also teaches in a Mission school, told me that he was trying to get his grandmother to consent to see me, that I might try to do something for her eyes. The sight of one was quite lost, and the other becoming gradually impaired. He went on to explain about their prejudices, and that, as they were Hindoos, no foreigner had been in their zenana. He talked of it every day for a week, and at last came with a very happy face to say his grandmother had consented to see me. The pundit came on the day I named. Miss Thomas and I went with him to a distant part of the city, where our ladies had never been. We followed the pundit for a long way through narrow winding streets, but came to a zenana of the better class. They brought their only chair, as a seat of honor for me, the Dr. Máam Sahib, but could only offer Miss Thomas a stool. In a moment the grandmother came in, and a few moments confirmed what I had feared, that there was cataract formed in one eye, and the other also affected. It was very sad to see the poor old creature seat herself before me and turn such an anxious, beseeching face up to mine; and it was very hard to tell her that I could not help her, only comfort her with the hope that the sight of the one eye, even though impaired, might last some time. Then they brought me another blind woman, and then a child with conjunctivitis, another with ulceration of the cornea, and, at last, a poor woman with fever. A native doctor, one of the family, was present. I explained to him that the child with the ulcerated cornea could be relieved by an operation, and they promised to think about it. I sent some medicine on Monday, and Wednesday Miss Wilson and I went again. I had asked Dr. Jones about operating upon the child, and he very kindly offered to perform this or other operations I might wish at any time. This morning they brought the child to the hospital, where I met the doctor and assisted him to perform it. The sick woman I am much interested in. She is very pleasing in manner, and seems like an intelligent woman. Monday I am to take charge of a case sent me by one of the native

doctors on the hospital staff. The woman has been taught by Miss Wilson, but has been too ill to study for some time. It is much easier to get practice than to control the patients and get them to take their medicines. Their habits of life are so against them, their dress so insufficient for cold weather, their cold damp houses, their fear of you; all these complicate matters until I almost fear sometimes that it will be impossible for medicines to relieve where circumstances are so adverse.

13*th*. This morning, at my Hindi zenana, there were some new patients waiting for me. The child operated on yesterday was improving, and it seemed as if nearly all the family came in to tell me of their gratitude. As I had several applications to visit patients in other parts of the city, I explained to them that I should charge the same as the native physicians, but that the money was not for myself but for the Mission. "It is very good of you to come and do this for us," was repeated several times. Some of the family came with me to the carriage, and, when I stopped a short distance farther on at a fruit-stand, the father again came to me, and said I had made his heart very light.

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*Extracts from Letters from* Miss Guthrie.

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DAILY WORK.

I am now reading a history in Hindi, preparing two lessons each day for my pundit, and teaching some children. I have a school on my verandah, every day, of ten pupils. We have an orphan girl with us now, a gentle-voiced, bright little thing. I am teaching her Hindi, in which she makes good progress. I find myself obliged to study fast, to keep sufficiently in advance of my pupils, some of them are so bright. My pundit, who is a high caste Brahmin, has been using great efforts to have these Hindi zenanas opened for me. He has met with very determined opposition until now, but he hopes to have me admitted next week. He is quite a young man, a good English scholar, and very anxious to have his wife taught. He

wants her to learn knitting and fancy work, such as we do, and is to bring me yarn, to have me teach him to knit a pair of stockings. He wishes to make this a means of persuasion to his family to admit me as a teacher. I am anxious his house should be the first Hindi zenana of our Board. He is, I hope, at heart a Christian, but he dare not say so. He has given me a good insight into their manners and customs and the absurdities of their belief. I have been visiting zenanas with Miss Thomas, and have been so much pleased. Our reception was universally kind, and the pupils seemed to be making such good progress. We had a visit from one of the pupils, a Bengalee woman, whose husband brought her and their little boy. This is a wondrous stride for a man to take his wife out with him. She came through our rooms, being pleased with everything she saw, but too timid to ask any questions.

### STRANGE SIGHTS.

The women do not eat at tables, and they do not allow any one to see them eating, but take their dish into a corner and feed themselves with their hands. They never wear shoes or stockings, only their saurie around their limbs, but their heads are wrapped up closely and their faces covered from sight. They all wear such large nose-rings; sometimes they are three inches in diameter, worn in the left nostril, which pull it out of all shape, and make the nose a deformity. There is now a great effort being made to prevent the marriages of children, which we hope will be a success. There is something very sad to see these mere children caring for their own children where they should have the freedom of childhood. Allahabad is a purely Mohammedan city—its name means "City of God." Priag, the ancient Hindi city, was destroyed by the Mohammedans, and Allahabad rose from its ashes. It is a peculiar place. The native city is much crowded, but the European side is pretty: each house is surrounded by a large compound. There is so much to be seen every day to remind one of the Old Testament descriptions. The dress, the mode of living, the family relations, are so patriarchal. . . . . Mr. Heyl from

Philadelphia deserves mention for the success of his school. I attended an examination which would have done credit to an advanced school at home. There seems to be a growing desire, for improvement; and I hope the day is not far distant when India will gain a position among the nations of the earth. There are many Bengalee zenanas open, and I hope soon to report some Hindi zenanas.

## JAPAN---Yokohama.

*Extracts of Letters from* Mrs. Pruyn.

PROGRESS OF WORK.

Our Sabbath evening service for the Japanese, conducted by Rev. Mr. Ballagh, was commenced with a few men and boys. It has steadily increased; at first one man brought his wife, then another: last Sabbath there were about *thirty* altogether, *six* of them women. Two gentlemen from Yedo have been here to see if we could take some young ladies to board. I regret exceedingly that our accommodations are scarcely such as could suit such cases. I feel that such a boarding house and school is indispensable here. The ladies do not want *only* education in books, but in dress, manners, and domestic duties. I am rejoiced, however, in the prospect of having all we need in the course of another year. Our family has had an addition since I wrote last, a dear little girl. She is four and a half years old, is a little lame, but a pretty quiet little thing. It has been a great deal of care for me to get all these children newly clothed in foreign dress, as not an article of their old wardrobe could be used. The fathers pay for all, and for the sewing, but I have to superintend the shopping and sewing, which the tailor or sewing *man* does not understand. One of the greatest wants here is good seamstresses; all the sewing is now done by men.

UNION CHURCH.

The prayer-meetings in this house are very largely attended, and are very interesting. I think I have mentioned that it was proposed to form a Church. I rejoice to tell you

that the purpose has been carried out, and last night the final meeting was held. Twenty-six signed the articles of faith, and organized themselves into the Union Church of Yokohama, embracing the Episcopal denomination, Baptist, Methodist, Congregational, Presbyterian, and Reformed. We hail this as a token that the Lord is going to do great things for this city, and the influence cannot be confined here. It is the conviction of many, openly and decidedly expressed, that if this house had not been opened, and the meetings commenced here, this result would not have been attained. Thus the Society are justified in regarding this important movement as a part of the *fruits of their work*. Is there not cause to praise God for thus using you for the great work of establishing a Church of Christ; though it may not be among the heathen, yet they must feel its influence.

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*Extracts of Letters from* Mrs. Pierson.

INCREASE OF INTEREST.

The little children whom we have in our house are learning rapidly. Annie is a bright, interesting child, fond of her book, and loving the sweet songs of Zion. They are not only contented in their new and strange position, but are very happy. The boy, who is older, is not quite so tractable, but affectionate and very kind to his little sister. We have never seen any disposition in them to quarrel. We are endeavoring to teach them about the blessed Jesus, who, by His Spirit, can open their young hearts and minds to the truth. My school is upon the European system: we sing, practice gymnastics, for the Japanese neglect physical culture entirely. The faces of my scholars are bright with happiness. *Toumma*, my teacher, comes to explain the 27th chapter of St. Matthew in their native tongue. But my women are marvellous in their progress. One young lady is very interesting, with a profusion of long black hair, which is arranged in a tower upon her head, ornamented with gold pins and colored beads, a rich olive complexion, slight figure, expressive and attractive face. Her parting salutation, "Lay-

onara," is both musical and graceful, always uttered with a low inclination of the body. Politeness is with them intuitive.

HEATHEN PROCESSION.

While teaching to-day, the sound of strange musical instruments disturbed us. I turned to my scholar for explanation. She clasped her hands, bowed her head, in token of worship. Keenly alive to all that is developing in the religion and character of these people, I went out to ascertain what was transpiring. A large procession marched down the street, consisting of men and women, old and young, ugly and comely. Their heads were covered with blue cotton handkerchiefs, and at the head of each division were the musicians. These were boys and men. Their instruments resembled banjos, and they struck them with a furore, which elicited wild and discordant notes. The banner of the god to whom this worship was proffered flaunted in the air, and upon it were inscribed the names of the sainted devotees. Lastly came a sedan covered with an embroidered cloth of gold. Within we could just discover a child, dressed in white, but her face was entirely concealed. We failed in our endeavors to ascertain the significance of this figure, and the whole procession was to us a mystery. One said, "the child is a slave," but the poor benighted worshippers proceeded rapidly on their way, while our hearts were full of gratitude to the Father for our Jesus and for the banner of His love, at the same time praying that His brightness may disperse the darkness and illumine these immortal souls.

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## *Extracts of Letters from* Miss Crosby.

FIRST CHRISTMAS IN JAPAN.

Our Christmas passed off pleasantly. We had our parlor and dining-room dressed with evergreens, which made it seem home-like, and we endeavored to make the day a peculiarly happy one to both children and servants, and in that way succeeded in making it such to ourselves, and in driving off all symptoms of home-sickness. As soon as the dinner was disposed of, the servants were called, and we all assembled in the parlor,

where Mr. Ballagh explained to them in Japanese the meaning of Christmas, and our reason for observing it. Then we distributed our little gifts, Mr. Ballagh acting as interpreter, and, after a few pleasant words, the servants retired to their quarters, evidently much delighted with their first experience of Christmas. The children, too, were highly delighted with their presents, which were really mere trifles.

OUR LITTLE FAMILY.

I think I never saw five happier children in my life. They play together by the hour, in the merriest manner possible, without a harsh or unkind word, and they are never mischievous or hard to manage. You would be surprised to hear how nicely they all sing together. Even the youngest, little Minnie, who has only been with us about six weeks, knows "Jesus loves me," and several other tunes, with most of the words. I often hear her, when she does not know that I am near, singing away at the top of her voice; for she is very shy yet, and would stop if she saw me. She seems to have a remarkably quick ear, though I doubt if she ever sang before she came to our "Home," for the Japanese children never sing. Our little ones are taught, of course, to say their prayers morning and evening. An incident which I will mention proves that even these little heathen children have already conceived a correct idea of the nature of prayer. Three or four weeks ago, Eddie's eyes became weak, and his mother requested that he might be allowed to stay with her a few days to have the doctor attend them. Annie missed him very much, as they had never been separated before, but what was most touching, when she knelt to pray the first night after he left, of her own accord, and in her broken language, a mixture of English and Japanese, she asked God to "bless Eddie, make Eddie eye well, or, literally, No. 1, bring Eddie back quickly." It seemed as if her simple prayer was heard and answered, for Eddie's eyes were soon cured, and he came back in a few days. She is a most lovable, gentle little thing, and is progressing nicely in her lessons.

SUCCESS OF THE UNION CHURCH.

I am happy to tell you that a Union Church has at last been

organized here in Yokohama, with nearly thirty members, and five joined us on confession at our first communion—one proof, surely, that the church was needed. It has grown out of the meetings that have been held here in our "Home" every Sabbath and Wednesday evening since we came into the house, which have drawn Christians together, warmed their hearts, and proved a blessing to all. Mrs. Pruyn's earnest words and prayers have not been in vain, and it is delightful to witness the different state of feeling that exists now from that which chilled and saddened us on our arrival. God has indeed heard prayer and poured out His Spirit upon Christians here. We fully believe that He will still further answer prayer by sending us a faithful and acceptable pastor whom He will honor in making him the instrument of building up the cause of Christ in this wicked city. Dr. Brown has consented to preach for us for a time, but is anxious for us to have a settled pastor as soon as possible, as it is a great tax upon him to preach regularly every Sabbath in addition to his other duties. Our evening meetings continue with increasing numbers and interest. For the last month or more Mr. Ballagh has held separate meetings Sunday evenings, in the dining-room, for the Japanese, addressing them in their own tongue. Both rooms are crowded, and last Sabbath evening there were between eighty and ninety at the two meetings. We feel that it is a great privilege to have them here, and that it makes our house, what some one called it the other day—a Bethel indeed. The Week of Prayer was observed by the appointment of a noon meeting of half-an-hour every day, and another every evening. They were pretty well attended, and a means of great blessing to all who were present.

# Reports of Bible Readers and Schools.

## CHINA---Shanghai.

*Extracts of Letters from* Mrs. Lambeth.

Our Society supports seven girls in this school, five of whom are being educated by the Philadelphia Branch.

"The girls who have been enjoying your liberal gifts are all well and making favorable progress in their studies, and they one and all desire to send greeting to a Society so generous as yours. They can now recite the catechisms, hymns, Scripture verses, read in "Line upon Line," the Gospel of Matthew, and our Sabbath-school papers, which they have been receiving every Sabbath. They sew, help to make their own shoes, clothes, cook, wash, and are also learning to crochet. You would be cheered, I feel sure, to hear the voices of the school children joining in the hymns of praise and quietly kneeling in the chapel every afternoon as they join, with others, for this special service, and, besides this, at morning and evening devotion. Women, as well as children, are more and more becoming interested in religion, and the last year has seen five from among those who came in contact with us renouncing idol worship and professing faith in the blessed Saviour. Will you and your Societies not remember us in China still? and more than ever pray for the advancement of our blessed Saviour's kingdom in this far-off land."

These scholars were at one time under the care of Mrs. J. A. Thomson of the Episcopalian Mission in Shanghai. At the time of her recent visit to this country, she requested that these little girls be transferred to the care of Mrs. Lambeth during her absence from China. She has now returned to Shanghai, and writes—"The children are well disciplined and instructed, and your money could not be better appropriated. Mrs. Lambeth offered to give up the children to me, but I felt that they were so well cared for by her and formed so large a part of her little school, that I would not remove them until there was a necessity for doing so."

## INDIA---Satara.

*Extracts of the Journal of* MARTHA *and* GUNGA, *supported in memoriam of* MRS. M. E. MUNGER.

TO-DAY we went to the house of Zam a Mahar. Here we witnessed the ceremony of choosing a religious teacher, so-called. For this purpose, a number who profess to have renounced the world, its pleasures and affections, had come together. They spread a cloth down upon the floor, and put rice on it in the form of a hollow square. Then they put some leaves and betel nut into the hands of the woman who was going to choose her teacher. Then one asked her, "Woman,where are you going?" She replied, "I am going to choose a teacher." The interrogator then asked her, "Will you lie and cheat?" "No," she said. "Will you obey the Gúrú?" "Yes." Then the Gúrú came before her and rubbed something on her forehead, and sat down by her side. Whereupon the people spread a cloth over them both. Upon this cloth they cast rice, which ended the ceremony. I felt sad, and yet I could not help laughing. The next morning I went to the same house, where I found the young woman, her Gúrú, her mother and several men, and read to them the little tract "On the choice of a Gúrú," the true Gúrú, Christ. While I was reading and talking, the Gúrú appeared to be very much ashamed. He did not oppose me, but joined with the others in saying "True, true, that is the true Gúrú, the one we need," but added, "Our people have no desire for such a Gúrú."

Visited the women in the jail, and read to them Matt. 13, and talked to them about Jesus. They had a great many questions to ask, and I answered them. I told them about the ladies who employ me to come and read the Bible and talk to them, and of the deep interest they feel in the women of this country; how much they pray for them, and give money to send them the Gospel. This made them feel very happy, and some of them spoke out and said, "We thank them very much for all their kindness. We are always very glad to have you come and see us. On the day you visit us we watch your coming from morning till you arrive. We pray for you every day, and that God will more fully make Himself known to us."

# HOME DEPARTMENT.

## LAST HOURS OF MRS. BRIDGMAN.

Prepared for the Missionary Link by Mrs. D. J. Macgowan, of Shanghai, China.

TIDINGS have reached you of the death of our dear friend Mrs. Bridgman, who was one of the pioneers of Chinese female education, in Shanghai, where she labored long and successfully. For the past three years especially, our dear friend has been gradually failing, mentally and physically. Her own desire was to die in China. On Sunday, Nov. 5, my husband was called to minister to her sufferings. Nothing kept her quiet a moment but praying with and for her. On Wednesday we found she was too weak to rise, and I sat by her repeating passages of Scripture. In reply to my question, "Are you more comfortable?" she said, "Yes, I can trust, trust." Soon after Bishop Williams and Rev. Mr. Nelson arrived. The last words concerning the state of her mind being in answer to the Bishop, "I cling to Him—." We gave thanks that at the last she was permitted to realize the presence of Him she had so long and faithfully served. Thursday evening she rallied a little, but only to ask for the doctor, which were her last words on earth. Shortly after, she became wholly insensible and I could only moisten the lips and watch the ebbings of life. Exactly nine minutes to 8 o'clock on Friday eve she ceased to breathe, in the presence of her faithful Chinese nurse and myself. I prepared a beautiful cross of Chinese and white chrysanthemums, and as I placed them near her, I was struck with the look of perfect repose which rested on the face, and could not but rejoice in her release. The school children whom her name had gathered, twenty-five in number, were all brought into the room early next day, hoping it might suitably impress them. The head teacher, a Christian young woman, whom Mrs. Bridgman had brought up from a child, wept, as she said, "tears of joy that she was in heaven."

The girls sent a message to me that they wished at her burial

to follow her a little way, to which I assented. At the hour when the friends were to meet the funeral, all the children and teachers were waiting clad in white garments, white flowers tied with yellow cord which is deep Chinese mourning, ranged two and two. It was a touching sight, to see this little procession, winding its way for about half a mile and then slowly returning. Our dear sister now sleeps by the side of her husband in the old cemetery, closed now, except in a special case, such as hers. I feel thankful that I was permitted to soothe the last moments of the widow of the first American missionary to China, our old and revered friend Dr. Bridgman, beloved and honored wherever he was known, and whose memory is cherished by many of those to whom he devoted his life.

## HINTS FOR MISSION BOXES.

Among our recent letters from India, we have many mentioning with peculiar gratification the contributions of our mission boxes. Special thanks are given for the squares of patchwork so neatly prepared for the elemental steps of sewing in zenana teaching, or our little schools, saving, as our missionaries express, "an infinite amount of labor." The materials for worsted work, and dressed dolls are great attractions to our pupils in India, while the freshly made garments for all our stations are gifts of double value. But while expressing in warm terms our appreciation of these valuable gifts, we feel it needful to give a word of advice in the preparation of a box. We have found in many boxes, a collection of very old and mutilated school books, masses of religious or daily papers of a remote date, and in some instances old clothing quite worn and soiled. For India, it will be readily understood that heavy worsted articles would not be useful, and that stuffed cushions not only require too much room in packing, but if filled with bran are apt to breed worms and moths on a long voyage. In consequence of the scarcity of sailing-vessels bound for Calcutta, we find the anxiety and expense attendant upon forwarding boxes very heavy, and therefore feel desirous that nothing but useful and valuable articles shall be sent.

We would suggest that nothing should be sent to India but dolls cheaply though gaily dressed, working materials, and patterns, patch work, *new* under-clothing, and calico sacks, skirts and aprons. Fresh editions of school books, are preferable, while old numbers of religious picture papers and interesting periodicals would not be unacceptable. For other stations, the regular list given in our *Missionary Link*, (inside cover,) will be a good guide.

## SECOND ANNUAL REPORT OF THE CHICAGO BRANCH.

The return of the Anniversary of our organization calls for a review of the past year, and for the renewal of our labors and prayers for this blessed mission of woman to woman.

While our Parent Society has recently held its eleventh anniversary in New York, we meet for the second time in annual session, yet this is the *seventh year* since the inauguration of our work in Chicago by the efforts of Collectors and Mission Bands.

The receipts of our treasury for the year, as acknowledged in the *Missionary Link* and Annual Report, from March, 1871, to February, 1872, are eleven hundred and ten dollars and ninety cents. This includes a gold check of sixty dollars from the Kohor Band, for the support of a native Bible Reader in Harport, Turkey; also, the donation of our much esteemed Vice-President, Mrs. E. Buckingham, who has not returned to Chicago since the desolation of her home by fire, who consequently remitted her accustomed offering directly to the Parent Society.

Articles of value given to our missionaries *en route* to Japan are not included in the amount above stated. A large addition to this sum was reasonably anticipated, had it not been for the great calamity that befel our city.

Even in this time of trial we have incidents that are cheering to record. An aged clergyman in feeble health, having read one of our leaflets, "What a Pair of Slippers did for India," desiring to aid our good work, presented a cask of Communion Wine, the pure juice of the grape, prepared on his little farm, that its *sale might aid us* to send the word of salvation to the prison-houses of the women of India. One kind friend brings an offering, the fruit

of economy in doing the most of her own work since the fire. Another, in view of these dark days in our city, doubles her subscription for the coming year. Three ladies who supported a Bible Reader in Calcutta, assure us that the work shall be continued although their homes are in ashes.

Never had the citizens of a stricken city greater cause for gratitude, for the diffusion of a world-wide spirit of Christian charity, which has so richly poured upon us aid and alleviation in our days of need. In view of the overflowing bounty of which our citizens have been the recipients, we feel that with grateful hearts we should now consecrate our worldly possessions to the cause of the Redeemer, so that from this city shall *flow back* streams that shall gladden and save multitudes that have not yet learned the way of life. Through what agency could we more effectually do this than in the loving work of our Union Missionary Society? Its touching appeals *for eleven years*, for the down-trodden women of heathen nations, its records of dawning light in the zenanas of India and other lands, have been like voices echoing and re-echoing from heart to heart, and will, we trust, continue to awaken notes of sympathy until every earnest Christian woman learns to appreciate the "*true mission of woman to woman.*" Realizing, as we now do, the utter uncertainty of worldly possessions, may we hasten, as God shall prosper us, to cast our mites into that treasury where fire does not consume, nor thieves purloin. Surely, we have the Divine assurance that the humblest offering of the Christian heart shall abide forever, and receive the blessed plaudit of "Well done!"

Mrs. Pruyn said she had been asked if she could not build the Home at Yokohama of the superfluous jewels of Christian women? While we tender our warmest sympathies to those dear friends, whose homes, whose gems, and precious things have been consumed, shall we not from henceforth seek for jewels immortal, rather than the perishing jewels of earth? Heaven grant that this baptism of fire may be a symbol of that spiritual baptism that shall consume the dross of worldliness among the Christian women of our city, and lead to a fresh consecration to the work of Missions.

Chicago, *March* 2, 1872. P. A. A., *Secretary.*

## THE EASTER FAIR.

The Easter Fair was held by the Mission Bands of Brooklyn from April 1st to the 6th, as announced in our March *Link*. Although donations were sent by kind friends in distant places, the principal work of supplying the tables fell upon the Bands of Brooklyn ; and we cannot, in these few lines, give any adequate idea of the profusion and the beauty of the articles that everywhere met the eye, nor of the general impression produced by the decorations, so novel and appropriate. A stranger entering the hall in the evening would at once discover that the object was Foreign Missions, as the words Zenana, India, Japan, China, were seen in gas jets, and the display of Japanese goods at the Japan table almost led one to feel as if in a foreign bazaar. Among the articles of interest were several sofa pillows and brackets in worsted and beads, the work of zenana women who had *never seen a needle* until taught the use of one by our missionaries. Two other most interesting donations were from the grandchildren of the "Pioneer" Band ; the lady who first matured the idea of "Mission Bands," receiving their little gifts from baby hands. Thus are the work and the cause being nurtured in their young hearts. Surely when one realizes the amount of love and devotion which must inspire the heart which labors with such results as were exhibited at this Fair, we can thank God that He has given to such a cause such steadfast and substantial friends.

C. A. R.

Our friends in Poughkeepsie will hold a Fair and Strawberry Festival in June, and we doubt not they will gratefully receive whatever donations any may wish to contribute.

We would state to all our friends that the office of Financial Secretary has been created in the Society, and would request that in future all money given for our work be transmitted to Mrs. Wm. Ransom, Financial Secretary, care of Mrs. T. C. Doremus, 47 East Twenty-first street, New York.

# MISSION-BAND DEPARTMENT.

## THE CHRISTMAS DOLLS.

ONCE or twice since the commencement of our work we have had a Christmas tree, and the fame of it has spread far and wide. Last year all the children in our schools wanted to know if we were not going to have one, and were terribly disappointed when told we were not, as we arrived here too late to see about it.

During this year some kind friends sent us out boxes of dressed dolls, and others sent money expressly for a Christmas tree. So we made enquiries among the women and children to find out how many would be likely to accept an invitation, and found that at the least we should have four hundred present. We knew every one of these would expect a doll and would be terribly disappointed if they did not get it, and others who could not come to the tree would expect us to take them one. We thought we had quite a number of dolls which had been sent out, but on examination found that we had only two hundred and we wanted five hundred at the least. I went to an auction and bought three hundred which we dressed. When we found that there were so many coming, there would not be room enough to hold them, we were obliged to divide the guests, and have four distinct trees; and a separate one for the children in our orphanage.

We should have had a great many more visitors if we could have sent for them. It was such a great success, I wish you could have stepped in and seen the delighted children. We were re-paid for our fatigue by seeing the delight of those poor women and children, as it will be something for them to remember the whole year. We were obliged to have the entertainment in the day, but had prepared a room which was made dark to show them the magic lantern; and their joy and satisfaction was immense. We could not give them anything to eat as they may not touch any of our food, but they might take oranges, so we had one apiece for each child.

Among the dolls I had bought at auction was one very large

crying one, big as a baby. When it was brought home Keshurie saw it. You remember Keshurie is the young widow who ran away from her home to us, about four years ago, and was baptized and has been with us ever since. She now assists in teaching the children in the orphanage, being now about twenty-two years of age. When she saw the doll she said to one of the children, "Oh, I wish that doll was mine, it is so like a baby." The children told me this, so I determined Keshurie should have it, but did not tell them so. The children in our orphanage always come up-stairs in the evenings to prayers, and we let them stay and talk to us a little while, they enjoy it much, Several times I had this doll lying on my lap while I was dressing it, so they called it my baby. They really thought I had bought it for myself and that it was a great favor to look at or touch it. When it was put on the tree and Keshurie found it was for her, her delight was extreme, she thought or cared for nothing else, and turned her back upon the tree as if she had no desire to see more, and was perfectly satisfied. Such mere children are these poor women! Oh, that they might all receive the Gospel with the simplicity of little children! that this year might be the birthday of many precious souls into Christ's Kingdom.

H. G. Brittan.

## FASHION IN INDIA FOR LITTLE GIRLS.

If you should see the little girls here you would think them very odd-looking. The children of rich people are not dressed in silks with ribbon trimmings as you are, but have two or three yards of thin white muslin put straight around the waist, so as to hang almost to the feet and then one end thrown around the shoulders loosely; they always have to hold it on, for no pins are ever used and it is generally off of one shoulder. As soon as a little girl is married the end must be put up over the head. The feet are always bare and silver rings on the ankles jingle as they walk. You know the Bible speaks of tinkling ornaments. But before the girls are married they wear nothing on their heads, but their hair is left to grow long and is combed straight back, tied and twisted in a little tight knot no larger than a butternut

at the back. The ears have holes all around the rim, and gold and silver ornaments hanging from them. The side of the nose is also pierced and a ring with a jewel of some kind hangs over the mouth. The arms sometimes are quite covered with bracelets of gold, silver or colored glass, and there is generally a necklace. If the family is very rich they have on a great number at once, which are often very costly. You can imagine that such a dress on a little girl with a very dark skin must look very strange. At first I felt like laughing every time I looked at them, but now I am so used to it that it seems quite the right sort of thing.

Many of the children are very pretty and very bright, and learn as quickly as the little girls in America. Now I do not teach in the zenanas but in our orphanage, where are twenty little girls. These wear skirts and jackets, but no jewelry, and when they go to church they have a thin white piece of muslin over the head hanging all around them which they hold in their hands. This is called a chudda; under this they wear in the cold weather a blue flannel dress, and in warm weather a white muslin one. The usual way for the natives to sleep is to roll up in the same clothes that they wear in the day and lie down on the ground; but that is such an untidy fashion, that we have iron bedsteads with a piece of matting on them, and on that sheets. It is most amusing in cold nights to see the way in which they take the blanket and roll themselves in it head and all, and lie down looking like bundles. Two of the large girls take each a little one and roll up themselves so as to make one bundle. If I want to find the children it is impossible to tell by the look of the bundle where they are.

L. M. Hook.

## NEW LIFE MEMBERS.

Mrs. W. H. Woodruff, Newark, N. J., by Mrs. Eliza J. Nuttman.
Mrs. Mary E. Hosford, by the "Haverhill Zenana Soc," Mass.
Mrs. Julia M. Davis " " " "
Mrs. Mary E. Butrick " " " "
Miss Maria E. Smith " " " "
Mrs. S. Jennie Brown " " " "
Miss Harriet O. Nelson, by the S. S. of Centre Church, Haverhill, Mass.
Mrs. David H. Warde, by the "Concord Branch," New Hampshire.
Miss Lizzie V. Parker " "
Miss Mary Ogden Duryee, by M. B. "Treasure Seekers," Newark, N. J.
Miss J. W. Abeel " " "
Rev. and Mrs. Wm. M. Postlethwaite, by the M. B. "Helping Hands," Washington Heights, N. Y.
Miss Eliza A. Mallory " " "
Master Pell W. Foster " " "
Mrs. John Du Bois, by Mrs. R. I. Brown, New York.
Mrs. R. H. Brown "
Mrs. H. W. Shaw " "
Mrs. F. G. Shurill " "
Rev. Wm. R. Nicholson, D.D., by Mrs. Wm. Appleton, Boston.
Mrs. J. Arthur Beebe "

Miss Mary A. Greene, Brookline, Mass.
Miss Margaret Greene, " "
Miss Grace Dana Homer, by Mrs. J. M. S. Homer, Boston.
Miss Maggie Frazier, by Collection of Miss Jane Frazier, Boston.
Mrs. Daniel Le Roy, by Mr. D. Le Roy, N. Y.
Mrs. S. M. Beckley, N. Y.
Mrs. M. E. Oakley, by Ladies in Dr. Budington's Church, Brooklyn.
Mrs. Eleanor Rand, by Mrs. Eleanor Howard Smith, Knoxville, Tenn.
Mr. Moss K. Platt, Plattsburgh, N. Y.
Miss Louisa J. Brown, by Mrs. R. A. Brick, N. Y.
Mrs. R. A. Brick, New York.
Mrs. Elisha Wadsworth, Chicago.
Mrs. Miranda Covert, by Rev. J. Covert, Chicago, Ill.

## NEW MISSION BANDS.

"Cecelia Band," Homer, N. Y., in charge of Miss Emma C. Wright.
Ladies of Central Cong. Church, Brooklyn, Pres't., Mrs. Henry M. Scudder.
Fannie Richardson Memorial, Miss Julia B. Watts, Supt., in Kentucky Branch.
Mission Band of Dr. Van Dyke's Church, Brooklyn, Supt., Mrs. E. W. Bancroft.

## MISSION BOXES.

We gratefully acknowledge the receipt of the following articles:—Pattern canvas and worsted for embroidery; also, sofa pillow for Fair, from Mrs. Daniel Le Roy.
"Murray Hill Mite Soc.," worsted and work; also, worsted work, etc., for Fair.
Six skirts and sacks for children of Orphanage, from "Concord Branch."
Eight skirts and sacks from ———
For "Helen De Witt," Smyrna, box and dresses from "M. B. Star of Bethlehem," Utica.
Patchwork quilt from Louisville, Ky.

## RECEIPTS *of the* WOMAN'S UNION MISSIONARY SOCIETY, *from Feb.* 1 *to April* 1.

### Branch Societies and Mission Bands.

#### NEW HAMPSHIRE.

Wakefield, "Willing Hearts," per Miss H. Dow, Pres. ..... $35 00

#### MASSACHUSETTS.

Boston, "Boston Branch," Mrs. Henry Johnson, Treas. (See items below) ..... $1,573 69

#### CONNECTICUT.

Hamburgh, "Hamburgh Miss. Band," Miss E. M. Griffin, Treas., per Mrs. Z. S. Ely, of N. Y. ..... 20 00
New London, "New London Mission Band," per Miss Mary G. Brainard, for "Japan Home." ..... 12 00
Stratfield, "Ann Hazeltine Band," per Mrs. M. Hopkins ..... 20 00

$52 00

#### NEW YORK.

Albany, "Albany Branch," Mrs. Fred. Townsend, Treas., (See items below) ..... 75 00
Brooklyn, "Mizpah Band," per Miss G. S. Hook, proceeds of parlor Fair, toward support of Miss Thomas ..... 114 94
Infant Class of St. Peter's Episcopal Ch., per Mrs. G. S. Stagg, for "Japan Home." ..... 5 00
The Mission Band of Dr. Van Dyke's Ch., per Mrs. E. W. Bancroft ..... 20 00
Clifton Springs, "Clifton Springs Band," per Mrs. Robert Townsend, of Syracuse, for School in Japan, viz.: Miss Love, 2.50, Miss Hamilton, 3, Miss Truslow, 3, Miss Gleegen, 3, Miss Bogart, 3, Miss Warriner, 2.50, Miss Beaver, 3, Miss Dunbar, 3.50, Mrs. H. Lansing, 2.50, Mrs. R. Townsend, 5, Mr. Havermeyer, 5, Mr. Lansing, 2.50, Miss Van Blarcum, 3, Mrs. Judson, 3 ... 44 50
Flatbush, L. I., "Strong Memorial Band," Mrs. J. Erskine Howard, Treas., for sup. of Bible-reader under Mrs. Jared Scudder, Chittoor ... 163 00
Le Roy, "North Star Band," Mrs. B. E. Stevens, Treas., of which, from Young Ladies' Soc., 54.92, and from Subscribers, 25.50, viz.: Mrs. L. Crocker, 2, Mrs. A. Anderson, 3, Mrs. Hazen, 1, Mrs. G. Fordham, 1, Mrs. W. Halbert, 2, Mrs. A. Brewer, 2, Mrs. Bliss and daughter, 3, Mrs. Covert, 1, Mrs. A. P. Hascall, 1, Mrs. J. R. Olmstead, 1, Mrs. O. Kendall, 50c., Mrs. R. L. Sampson, 50c., Mrs. L. N. Bangs,

1, Mrs. Blood, 1, Misses Jane and Mary Selden, 1, Mr. N. Selden, 2, Mites, 2.50, less postage, 50c..... 79 92
New York, "Willing Minds," Brick Ch. Mission, of which, Mr. Fessler, 25c., Mrs. Fessler, 25c., Louisa Fessler, 25c., Julia Fessler, 25c., per the Misses Cronin..... 6 06
"Zenana Lighters," per Miss N. R. Park..... 25 00
Young Ladies of 34th st. Ch., per Miss E. S. Hanaway, for Mexico, in gold..... 30 00
7th ave. Mission S. S. of Dr. Hall's Ch., of which, for sup. of Bible-reader, 90, present to Miss Brittan, 10..... 100 00
Owasco, "Woman's Miss. Soc.," per Mrs. A. P. Peeke, for Japan Home 10 00
Plattsburg, "Peristrome Band," per Mrs. M. K. Platt, viz.: Mrs. Sheldon, 1, Mrs. C. F. Norton, 5, Mrs. L. Meyers, Sen., 5, Miss M. E. Parker, 1, Miss Alice Day, 50c., Mrs. Thomas, 1, Mrs. M. P. Myers, 2, Mrs. Henry Durkee, 50c., Miss Carrie Durkee, 50c., Mrs. M. K. Platt, 5, Mrs. Lafore, 50c., Mrs. William Coneets, 50c., Mrs. Dowling, 1, Mrs. Kendrick Holcomb, 1, Mrs. Chamberlain, 50c., Miss Jane Coneets, 1, Mrs. Percy, 1, Mrs. Danforth, 1, Mrs. Wm. Chappel, 1, Mrs. Smith, 1, Mrs. Kavanagh, 75c., Mrs. Heath, 75c., Mrs. Hedding, 1, Mrs. J. C. Platt, 2, Mrs. Elmore, 50c., Miss Lottie Wetherell, 1, Mrs. Mary P. Westcott, 1... 37 00
Syracuse, Premium on 75, gold, from Mrs. R. Townsend, 7.87. Also for "Bridgman Band," Mr. E. T. Martin of Willowbrook, 5..... 12 87
Washington Heights, "Little Charitables," per Mrs. G. B. Grinnell, for child in Calcutta..... 10 00

$733 29

NEW JERSEY.

Elizabeth, "Elizabeth Branch," Mrs. E. K. Pardee, Treas..... 31 00
Hackensack, "Chase Band," quarterly collection, per Mrs. W. Williams..... 63 46
S. S. of 1st Reformed Ch., per Mrs. W. Williams, for Japan Home.... 50 00
Newark, Mission Band, "Treasure Seekers" of Newark Aux., per Miss Mary W. Duryee, for Japan Home, of which, to cons. Miss MARY W. DURYEE, and Miss ABEEL, L M.'s, 100,..... 255 00
"First Leaf Blades" of Sussex ave. Miss. Infant Class, toward sup. of a child, through Newark Aux., Mrs. Smith, Treas..... 20 00
New Brunswick, North Mission S. S., per Miss E. Voorhees, for Home in Smyrna..... 20 00
Orange, S. S. of Brick Ch., per D. Bingham, Esq., for sup. of "Mary Dwight," in Calcutta, 30, gold, premium, 3.08..... 33 08
Princeton, "Phœbe McLean" Band, per Mrs. Chas. Olden..... 20 00

$492 54

PENNSYLVANIA.

Philadelphia, "Phila. Branch," Miss A. M. Kennard, Treas. for salaries and other expenses of Miss Hook, Miss Lathrop, Miss Seelye, and Miss Guthrie..... 682 00
For Reports and Links for January and March..... 255 41
Pottsville, Band "Beautiful Star," per Miss S. Carter, for "Eliza Douglas"..... 15 00

$952 41

DELAWARE.

Wilmington, "Wilmington Branch," Mrs. Dr. R. P. Johnson, Treas., 17, also, omitted in 1871, 1.65..... 18 65

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Miss Linnard, Links, 50c., Germ. Aux., Mrs. G. W. Toland, 5, Wm. E. Engle, 5, Mrs. Bruen, 50c., Miss Patton, 50c., Miss Parker, 50c., Miss Carter, 50c., Miss Pettit for 1872 and Links, 1.50, Mrs. Wilson, 1.50, Miss Linnard, 50c.

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Lambertsville Aux.....160 00

Links..... 5 00

Mrs. C. C. Hughes, coll.:
Infant school of St. Paul's Church, (P. E), 25, Mrs. Jno. O. James, 5, Mrs. S. A. Harrison, 2, Miss Mary Wetherly, 2, Mrs. H. E. Reese, 1, Mrs. C. C. Hughes, 2, Links, 2. ... 39 00
Miss Gorgas..... 50 00
Interest from Hollond estate..... 490 00

Mrs. R. C. Matlack, coll.:
Mrs. A. M. Morrison, 25, Mrs. Dr. Goodwin, 2, Miss A. M. Quandale, 1, Miss R. C. Bunting, 5, Mrs. E. H. Williams, 11, Mrs. B. P. Hutchinson, 5, Miss M. Hutchinson, 5, Mrs. James C Allen, 5, Subscriptions for Link, 14 50, Sale of Kardoo, 8.25, Mrs. Wm. Heilman, 5, Mrs. John Harding, 3, Miss Margaretta Harding, 2, Miss Annie Harding, 2, Mrs. R. C. Matlack, 50..... 147 75

Mrs. Jos. L. Richard's coll.
Miss E. A. Richards 35, Mrs. Briton Corlies, 10, Mrs. Horace Y. Evans, 10, Mrs. Hamilton Hutchins, 7.50, Mrs. Henry C. Ford, 7.50, Isaac and Harry Ford, for Miss Haswell's School, 2, Horace Evans, for the same, 1, Mrs. Saml. Simes, 5, Miss Carrie Kinsey, 5, Mrs. H. P. Boswell, 2.50, Mrs. R. V. Boswell, 2.50, Mrs. J. Albert Hagy, 2, Mrs. Isaac Ford, 1, Mrs. Wm. A. Kennedy, 1, Miss Louisa Birch, 1, Mrs. J. F. Seldomridge, 1, Mrs. Jos. L. Richards, 5, for Links, 1.50..... 100 50

Through Miss Dillaye:
Mrs. W. H. Davis, Easton, Penn. 20, Miss F. W. Stevenson, Link, 50c.. 20 50
"Beehive Band," Miss B. Whetmore, Pres't, Detroit, Mich ..... 75 00
Germantown Aux..... 458 85
Lambertsville Aux..... 165 00
Flemington Aux..... 125 00

Total, $2,148.35

ANNA M. KENNARD, *Treas.*

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## Receipts *of the* Chicago Branch, *from Feb.* 1 *to Mar.* 28, 1872.

Mrs. J. S. Potwin..... $25 00
" Hubbard ..... 1 00
" R. Durkee..... 2 00
Rev. Dr. Smith..... 5 00
Mrs. J. V. Dunlevy..... 10 00
" N. M. Myrick..... 5 00
" F. Crumbaugh ..... 1 00
" Peyre. ..... 1 00
" Tyler..... 1 00
Dr. Evarts..... 1 00
E. Hunt..... 3 00
Rev. J. Fitch..... 3 00
Rev. J. Covert, to cons. Mrs. Miranda Covert, L. M..... 50 00
Mrs. H. Humphrey..... 10 00
" Dr. Starkweather..... 2 00
" V. C. Turner..... 5 00
From Delphi, Ind., by Mrs. Jones.... 1 00
Miss E. Harris..... 1 00
" Phebe L. Smith..... 25 00
Mrs. P. L. Yoe..... 2 00
Sale of fancy articles ..... 80
Little Louie and Mattie Belden's Mite Box..... 50
Miss Clara Hunt, for Japan Home.... 5 00
Mrs. Henry W. King, and two friends, for "Ky Kishorie"..... 81 00
Subscriptions for Link..... 4 75

$246 05

Less expenses—printing Annual Report, packing-box, expressage, and postage..... 16 05

$220 00

MRS. P. A. AVERY, *Sec. and Treas.*

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## Recipts *of the* Kentucky Branch *to April* 2, 1872.

Springfield, Ky., by Mrs. Brown.....100 00
Miss McDowell, Frankfort, Ky..... 20 00
"Fanny Richardson Memorial Band," Louisville..... 20 00
"Eva Memorial," Louisville..... 20 00
"Methodist Band," " ..... 20 00
Miss Quigley, for Mrs. Pierson ..... 12 50
" Mary La Fon " ..... 12 50
" E. J. L. Anderson, for Miss Brittan..... 2 00
Mrs. Clelland, Lebanon..... 25 00
" Crawford, Perryville ..... 20 50
Subscriptions for Link..... 5 00
"Pleasant Grove Band," Springfield. 20 50
"Emma McKay Band," " 20 00
A friend..... 1 00

$309 00

Less expenses..... 5 00

$304 00

EMILY L. BENNETT, *Treas.*

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Correction.—The total of receipts of the "Baltimore Branch" for 1871, should be $854.85 instead $831.35, as in Annual Report of that Branch.

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